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Response to Restriction Requirement

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mail dated 06/28/02, Applicant elects Group VII (claims 7 and 8), directed to an improved mechanism based inhibitor of HIV or FIV aspartyl protease having an α -keto amide core structure and a C-terminus including a pyrrolidine heterocyclic ring. The election is made without traversal. Consistent with this election, please amend the specification and claims as follows:

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Page 1, after the Title and prior to the Technical Field, please insert the following